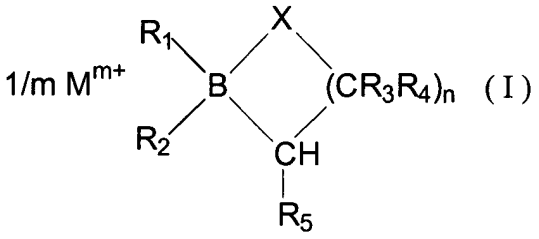
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Complete Set of Claims:

1 – 27 (Canceled)

28. (Currently amended) A compound which has the structure:



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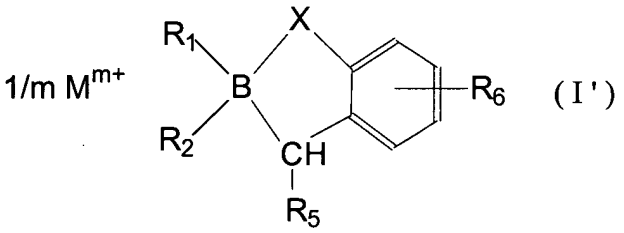
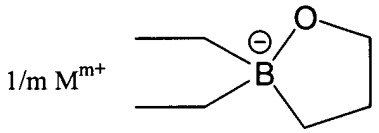
or



(I')

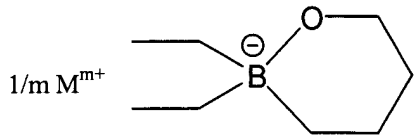
wherein for X is –CHR$_7$, oxygen or sulfur; wherein when X represents oxygen, n is the integer 2, 3, 4, or 5; and wherein when X represents sulfur, n is the integer 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5; and R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5 , ~~and~~ R_6 and R_7 are, independently, unsubstituted and substituted alkyl groups containing 1 to 10 carbon atoms, alkylene groups containing 1 to 10 carbon atoms, substituted aryl groups containing 7 to 12 carbon atoms, or unsubstituted aryl groups; alternatively either of R_3, R_4, R_5 , ~~and~~ R_6 and R_7 in (I) include hydrogen; alternatively, R_1 and R_2 are part of a second unsubstituted or substituted cyclic borate; R_1 and R_2 alternatively comprise a spiro ring or a spiro-ether ring; alternatively, R_1 or R_2 together with R_3 or R_4 in (I) are linked to form a cycloaliphatic ring; alternatively in (I) R_1 or R_2 together with either R_3 or R_4 comprise a cyclic ether ring; and M is any positively charged species with m being greater than 0.

29. (original) The compound of claim 28 having the structure:



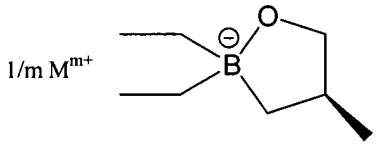
wherein M is a counter ion with charge m or +1, +2 or +3.

30. (original) The compound of claim 28 having the structure:



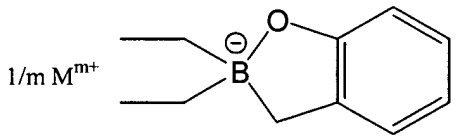
wherein M is a counter ion with charge m of +1, +2, or +3 .

31. (original) The compound of claim 28 having the structure:



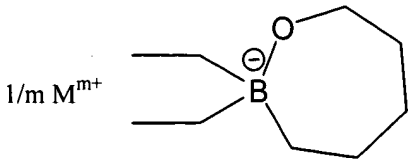
wherein M is a counter ion with charge m of +1, +2, or +3 .

32. (original) The compound of claim 28 having the structure:



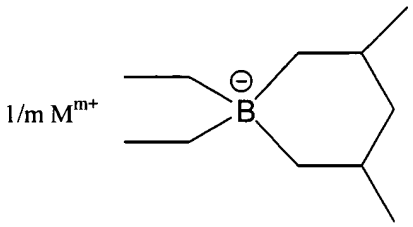
wherein M is a counter ion with charge m of +1, +2, or +3.

33. (original) The compound of claim 28 having the structure:



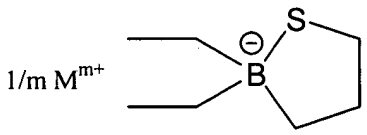
wherein M is a counter ion with charge m of +1, +2, or +3.

34. (original)The compound of claim 28 having the structure:



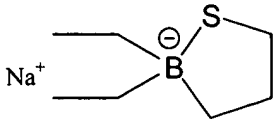
wherein M is a counter ion with charge m of +1, +2, or +3.

35. (original) The compound of claim 28 having the structure:



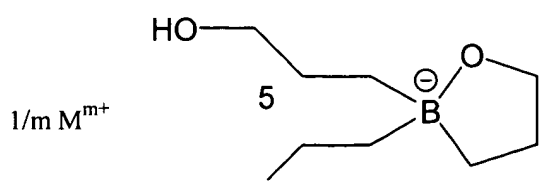
wherein M is a counter ion with charge m +1, +2, or +3.

36. (original) The compound of claim 28 having the structure:



wherein M is a counter ion with charge m of +1, +2, or +3.

37. (original) The compound of claim 28 having the structure:

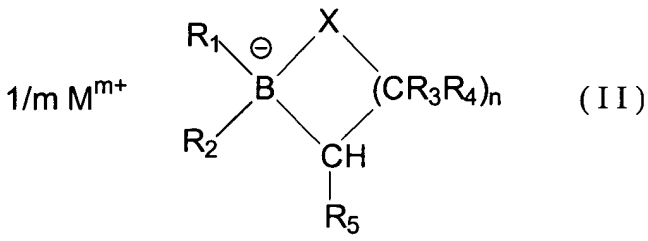


wherein M is a counter ion with charge m +1, +2, or +3.

38. (previously presented) A bonded composite comprising a first substrate, a second substrate, and a cured composition that adhesively bonds the first and second substrates together, wherein the composition results from the curing of a composition comprising:

(a) at least one acrylic monomer;

(b) an internally blocked borate compound having a ring structure (I I) or (II')



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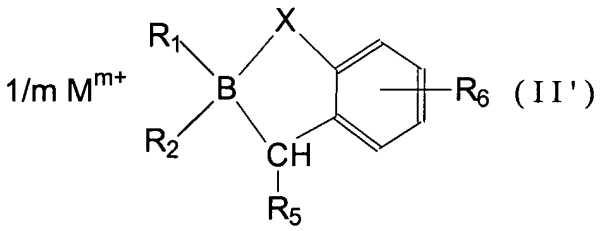

(II')

wherein X represents –CHR_7 - , oxygen or sulfur; n is the integer 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, and R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5 , R_6 and R_7 are independently selected from unsubstituted and substituted alkyl or alkylene groups containing 1 to 10 carbon atoms, substituted aryl groups having up to 7 to 12 carbon atoms, and unsubstituted aryl groups; alternatively either of R_3, R_4, R_5, R_6 and R_7 are hydrogen; R_1 and R_2 alternatively are part of a second unsubstituted or substituted cyclic borate; R_1 and R_2 alternatively comprise a spiro ring or a spiro-ether ring; R_1 or R_2 together with R_3 or R_4 alternatively are linked to form a cycloaliphatic ring; and R_1 or R_2 together with either R_3 or R_4 alternatively comprise a cyclic ether ring; and M is any positively charged species with charge m greater than 0.

39. (original) A bonded composite according to claim 38 wherein the one of said substrates is formed from a material that has a surface energy of less than 45 mJ/m^2.

40. (original) A bonded composite according to claim 38 wherein the first substrate comprises a material selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, a polypropylene, a polyvinylchloride and a fluoroplastic.

41. (original) A bonded composite according to claim 38 wherein both the first and second substrates are formed from a material having a surface energy of less than 45 mJ/m^2.

42. (original) A bonded composite according to claim 38 wherein both the first and second substrates comprise materials independently selected from the group consisting of a polyethylene, a polypropylene, a polyvinylchloride and a fluoroplastic.

43. (original) A bonded composite according to claim 38 wherein R_1 and R_2 are each independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl groups having 2 to 5 carbon atoms.